Foreign assistance for development of National Highways

604. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed an agreement with some foreign countries for development of the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the countries and details of the National Highways of States/UTs where roads are likely to be developed; and

(c) the details of the allocation of fund made for 2001-2002 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) An agreement has been signed between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Government of Malaysia for four-lanning of Tada-Nellore section of NH-5 and Vijayawada-Nandigama section of NH-9 in the State of Andhra Pradesh on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis with a grant component from NHAI.

(c) No grant is proposed to be allocated during the year 2001-2002.

Declaration of Moradabad-Tehri Road as National Highway

605. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare some State Highways as National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned/granted any amount for widening and improvement of Moradabad-Ramnagar-Pauri-Tehri State Highway;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to declare the said Highway as National Highway; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Some small lengths of missing links in National Highways in the States of

Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal and Rajasthan are proposed for declaration as National Highways.

(c) No, Sir. Since, this is a State Highway and the Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

By-passes for National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

606. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct by-passes for National Highways in Andhra Pradesh to reduce congestion on the highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposals of the State Government in this regard is pending with the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Construction of two by-passes at Pithapuram and Tallarevu on National Highway No. 214 is proposed. Besides, feasibility study of Madanapalli by-pass on National Highway 219 and land acquisition of by-passes at Mummadivaram and Bhimavaram on NH-214 are included in the Annual Plan for 2001-02.

(c) Estimates for construction of Pithapuram and Tallarevu by-passes and alignment plan of Madanapalli by-pass have been received from the State PWD.

Road Projects in Orissa

607. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major road projects approved for Orissa and the quantum of money sanctioned for each such project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank assistance is not forthcoming for road construction in the State; and